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Reverend Hugh's normal working days in the parish are Sundays plus Fridays and Saturdays. Outside these days, please contact a churchwarden. For all enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals please contact a Churchwarden

For inclusion on our parish prayer list, please contact the newsletter editor, or a churchwarden.

If you have items for the next Newsletter, please email to Patsy by 12noon Thursday witsend50pat@gmail.com.

For up-to-date information and calendar please visit the Church Website:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst/> If you have a Facebook account, please follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchhurst/>

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

If you would like to visit the church outside of services, please contact Jenny or Steve for access

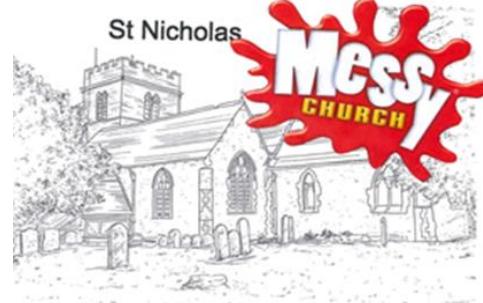
We continue to

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

that the negotiations for a lasting peace may be successful.

We continue to pray for the people of the Holy Land that the God of all justice and peace will hear us as we cry out in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land, and we pray that the ceasefire agreement may hold, enabling people to return to their homes, the release of hostages and the provision of aid and food.

Welcome to the Parish of St Nicholas, Hurst



25th January 2026
The Conversion of St Paul
TODAY'S WORSHIP

9am Prayer Book Communion in the Lady Chapel – Led by Revd Hugh

11am Messy Christingle led by The Messy Team with visiting speaker from Children's Society.

The organist at today's Christingle is Keith Dukes..



Reading: John 8 v12

Hymns:

Colours of day

The Christingle Song

This little light of mine

Lord the light of your love is shining

Collect (or special prayer) for today

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

UPCOMING SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS:

February

1st The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, otherwise known as Candlemas

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

8th Second Sunday before Lent

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

15th Next before Lent

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

22nd First Sunday of Lent

9am Said Prayer Book Communion led by Rev Hugh

11am Messy Church led by The Messy Team

March

1st Lent 2

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

8th Lent 3

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

15th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

22nd Lent 5 Passion Sunday

9am Prayer Book Communion led by Rev Hugh

11am Messy Church led by The Messy Team

29th Palm Sunday

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

With Discovery Zone for Children in school year 3+

This Week's Diary

Monday 26th 7.30 PCC Meeting at The Castle Inn

Tuesday 27th 9.30am Morning Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/91759590557?pwd=cy9TejJLQ09zOXVxSVRZZDZrcK1iZz09>

Wednesday 28th 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn

Thursday 29th 9.30am Pay Back Team

Stamps and Milk Bottle Tops

Don't forget we are still collecting used postage stamps (in aid of Mercy Ships), and Milk Bottle Tops (in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance). Please leave items in the containers on the Bread Tomb at the back of church.

Prayers: We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing including: Brenda, David, Em, Jan and David, Philip, Patsy, Shirley, John, Rev Sandy, and Derek. We also pray for all who care for them.

We also remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Mabel Chaney, Reginald Carp, Stanley Clark, Gwendoline Attawell, Olive Hall, Phyllis Butt and Ninette Trevino

We also remember The Reverend David Webster who passed away on Monday 12th January. David was a non-stipendiary minister in the parish for a few Years. The funeral will be on 13th February at St. Nicholas Church, Earley at 10.45 followed by Cremation at Reading at 12.15pm.

Christingle, today

Alison, a representative from the Children's Society, will be coming to this service. Christingles have become a great publicity and fundraising opportunity for the Children's Society. After the children have made and lit their Christingles, Alison will tell us about the work of the Society, and will be available to meet people and answer questions afterwards. She will bring Gift Aid envelopes for our offerings. Please support the work of the Society, founded by the Church of England.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Many Christians have been observing this last week with prayers for Unity, that our witness may not be hindered by our differences, but strengthened by our common belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour. We pray for Churches Together in this locality.

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fairtrade Easter Eggs

Please see Mary Langdown if you wish to purchase a Fairtrade Easter Egg this year. Look out for the poster in the porch.

Alexander Devine

Rosemary will be knitting chicks for the charity again this year. She would appreciate any donations of crème eggs to go with them.